

Senate Resolution 1127

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Old National Merchants Association on its 20th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Old National Merchants Association (ONMA) is a nonprofit organization
4 focused on promoting economic development along the Old National Highway commercial
5 corridor in South Metropolitan Atlanta; and

6 WHEREAS, ONMA and its members are committed to attracting and keeping quality
7 businesses along the Old National Highway corridor by creating an environment conducive
8 to economic success that reflects the community's culture and values; and

9 WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, ONMA has developed programs and projects that have
10 strengthened and invigorated business growth along the Old National Highway corridor; and

11 WHEREAS, with diverse programs and initiatives from business expos to beautification
12 projects, ONMA has diligently worked to grow and sustain a vibrant corridor of
13 approximately 500 establishments; and

14 WHEREAS, the incredible Old National Highway corridor provides area residents and
15 visitors with restaurants, hotels, florists, professional service providers, schools, specialty
16 shops, places of worship, and much more; and

17 WHEREAS, ONMA has several standing committees which help focus the organization's
18 efforts on vital issues facing members and the community and include members services,
19 public relations, finance, economic development, and beautification; and

20 WHEREAS, ONMA has established the Old National Improvements Initiative which is a
21 collaborative effort to create a vision and comprehensive strategy for addressing challenges
22 and opportunities in four areas, public safety, aesthetics, image, and social climate; and

23 WHEREAS, over the years, ONMA has earned a well-deserved reputation for collaboration,
24 effective leadership, and its members' can-do spirit; and

25 WHEREAS, the outstanding contributions and achievements of the Old National Merchants
26 Association are worthy of recognition.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend the Old National Merchants Association for its commitment to economic
29 development in South Metropolitan Atlanta and the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Old National Merchants Association.